Saddam able to watch selection of president

The U.S. military said four service members were killed in the past two days, bringing the death toll to 1,536 since March 2003

By Traci Cari

in Baghdad

— Osama bin Laden was able to watch from his Baghdad hotel as an Iraqi court yesterday chose a new president.

Iraqi lawyers said lawmakers got the decision Tuesday in a meeting marking Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his members of the U.S. military and law service members were killed Monday in Baghdad, at least 1,536 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the war in Iraq in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

BAYLOR-MADE VICTORY

The Baylor women’s basketball team defeated the Kentucky Wildcats 86-54 on Thursday night. It was the Bears’ first victory in the Big 12 Conference.

COKE ABUSE ALLEGED

There is a history of abuse of some Coca-Cola workers at the company’s plant in Columbia, a human-rights lawyer says. 2A

MORE THAN SMOKED

In addition to the traditional cigarettes, the Vatican now allows smoking to be a form of self-expression. 5A

Crash kills UI student

By Nick Peterson

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By Dan_ferson

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The first two pages of a document, along with some extracted text, are shown. The text seems to be related to events in Iraq, with mentions of Saddam Hussein and the selection of a new Iraqi president. The text also includes information about a highway crash that resulted in a fatality, and a mention of the University of Iowa community. The document appears to be a newspaper article, possibly from the University of Iowa community newspaper. The text is legible and contains proper formatting for a newspaper layout.
Rights attack condoBOOKS

BY CHRISTINA ERD

Iowa high-tech tenant group faces judge

Human-rights attorney Daniel Kevles spoke about his role in the recent court battle against Coca-Cola on behalf of Colorado's Mother Grizzlies, a group of women who oppose the multinational corporation. The anti-sweatshop group is trying to persuade the university to implement a policy prohibiting the importation of goods that are manufactured by factories owned by Coca-Cola, which has an exclusive relationship with the university through a multi-million-dollar donation. Kevles told the story of a Peace Corps volunteer who worked overseas for seven months but was killed because of a landmine explosion. He also spoke about the recent court battle against Coca-Cola, which has been charged with violating human rights.

Coca-Cola, in a report released on Monday, said that it has made significant improvements in its supply chain management and that it is committed to upholding human rights standards. However, the group is demanding that Coca-Cola publicly commit to more stringent standards and that the university immediately cease its relationship with the company.

Coca-Cola is the world's largest beverage company and is known for its global operations and extensive marketing campaigns. Despite its success, the company has faced criticism over labor and human rights abuses in its supply chain, particularly in countries where it sources its ingredients and products. The Mother Grizzlies, a grassroots organization founded in 1988, has been advocating for fair trade and ethical business practices for over 20 years.

The group is calling for the university to sever its ties with Coca-Cola and to implement a policy that prohibits the purchase of goods produced by factories that violate human rights standards. They argue that the university has a responsibility to ensure that its operations do not contribute to human rights abuses and that it should take a stance against companies that engage in such practices.

The case is being widely followed and has generated considerable attention from students and faculty at the university. The university administration is under pressure to respond to the group's demands and to take a clear stand on this important issue.

In the end, the group hopes that its efforts will lead to a more just and equitable global economy, where workers are treated with respect and dignity and where human rights are protected.

The case is a reminder of the power of grassroots organizations to bring attention to important issues and to hold corporations accountable for their actions. It also highlights the need for universities to take a leadership role in promoting human rights and ethical business practices.

The case is an important one, and we should all stand in solidarity with the Mother Grizzlies and other groups that are working to make the world a better place for all people.
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HEARING discusses boundaries for new nj. high

KELLY REHAN

A public hearing held Tuesday at Penn Elementary School discussed boundary revisions for a new junior-high school, a facility needed as enrollment at nearby Carver Middle School swells to nearly fill the 250 seats in the building's auditorium.

Construction on the new school will begin April 12, with the opening scheduled for the fall of 2006.

Six neighborhoods be included and possibly added to the new junior high, which will be held for the first few years in the overcrowded Carver auditorium.

Around 20 parent-teacher volunteers, students and administrators attended the hearing. Many were concerned about the scenario that split Carver Central Elementary between the new junior high and Northwest Junior High.

"The transition to junior high is a big deal," said Julie Hanson, the president of Carville Central's Parent Teacher Organization. "Students know where they'll be for two or four years, they're a small, cohesive group, and it makes the transition to junior high so much easier for the whole school.

"I think this issue will be a topic at the school board," said Julia Stowell, a teacher at Southeast Junior High, which is slated to be the new junior high. "We've been seeing national and in Iowa, and in Carver, too. "I would hope there will be some problem whether or not we are building a new school."

Kimberly Simpson

KANSAS VOTERS OK gay-marriage ban

THE Salt Lake Tribune

KANSAS VOTERS approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage Saturday, sending same-sex couples from starching or remarrying into the courts.

With more than half of precincts reporting, 66.67 percent — 123,060, or 30 percent, opposed. Gay marriage is already banned under Kansas law, and the law is being challenged. But supporters of the ban say they want to be in the Kansas Constitution to challenge a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. Most voters appeared to think the opposite was not true.

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**Papabili** subjetely jockey for cardinals' eyes

BY NICOLE WINFIELD

VATICAN CITY — "It had all the hallmarks of a political campaign," Pope John Paul II said. "Slogans, motives, headlines, handshakes in the adjoining street, a banner and a march." It was, he said, "the most important" of such events.

Except that this is no regular election year in Italy. Papal elections don't happen every year.

Cardinal-designate Antonio Berardi, the archbishop of Genoa and a papal expert, was most pleased on Tuesday when upstairs at Paul's Palace the long-dead saint's tomb was opened. It was a step toward making the election of a new pope.

Black smoke signals no decision has been made after a papal bell, while white smoke means a pope has been elected. The smoke is from the burning of the secret paper ballots.

'This time we plan to ring the bells to make clear the election of the pope chosen,' he said, reading strong calls to 'past liberation.'

"Every white smoke day is a normal day," he said.

The bell will wail in a long line on Tuesday to see the body of Pope John Paul II lying in state inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Tens of thousands of mourners have queued to pay their respects to the late Polish pontiff.

One of John Paul's wishes, Marini said, was for the bells to ring in the announcement of a new pope to avoid confusion over the color of the smoke coming from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel.

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Directional problems with state funding

A House bill that would increase Iowa's interstate-highway speed limit would also give $7 million to the state court system. But no additional funds are going there, they are already needed — to the security of county courthouses.

As reported in The Daily Iowan, the state House on March 5 would increase the speed limit on Iowa's interstate highways to 80 mph. The plan, to be voted on for approval under the state-court system, is this proposal, as is the current, represents poorly judge-

ments or the public interest.

We don't have any problems with boosting the speed limit. In fact, we would welcome it. But with more time needed by drivers with the exception of Illinois and Wisconsin where the speed limit is at 70 mph, 80 may seem reasonable in comparison with the change isn't expected, either. The current road speed limit on Iowa's interstate highways, if 65 mph, and the next project to come under consideration. The change is likely to be for a safer and more efficient highway network.

But if this legislation passes, which, as likely, Iowa county courthouses will experience a crisis of public information and a lack of funding to do anything about it because all the money is going to the state court system. It's quite obvious as it's hazy, that millions of dollars are necessary to secure these facilities to the public. This is the next step that has been taken place. I'm sure this year's bill, the Iowa Senate has approved it for funding for local government and has released it to the sheriff's department. To be hard to predict incen-

sives, either. The current road speed limit on Iowa's interstate highways is at 65 mph, and the next project to come under consideration. The change is likely to be for a safer and more efficient highway network.

John Conroy, Iowa Supreme Court Treasurer, said the county courthouses would use state funding specifically for security purposes, as opposed to the state funds, which would only be used to maintain the infrastructure of the courthouse. He was hiring more officers to guard the Johnson County Courthouse. Paying a price in a lesser capacity than ensuring the safety of all who pass through the judicial centers of Iowa's county courthouses. Without help from the state, county courthouses across Iowa will have to rely on local property taxes to facilitate much-needed security improvements. The Iowa money low-level officials receive in the budget from the state, the higher the burden will be on taxpayers — whether that fund to cover the necessary costs or hire courthouse security guards.

The Iowa Supreme Court Treasurer, John Conroy, said all of which have been a topic of discussion county supervisors in this particular case. For now, the funds are being transferred from the state to the Johnson County Courthouse full-time. We wish that the county courts,

LIMITS ON UNIFORMITY

Many are aware of the current efforts by U.S. professional and scientific staff to unison the output of the U.S. Department of State, especially U.S. Uniformity. Scientific staff and service, but we have been included as part of this group is extending the study of the processes that affect professional lives.

Research, but a plate and a voice from where we are in the country. I encourage those staff members with who we give a single vote so that I could see a collapse in the ongoing efforts, unless the surveys, we can still expect the challenges that we face in our working lives.

What's all the fuss?

I'm not sure exactly when, but Wal-Mart's image began to change. Over the last year, it seems that more and more people have been talking about the questionable business practices had been the most meaningful improvements. In previous years, Wal-Mart's actions had been the subject of much criticism, but the media's attention on Wal-Mart's practices had subsided. 

A champion of what?

I think that sometimes it's hard to see the difference between local and national support. But it's there. Wal-Mart's reputation is based on its low prices, and its consistent focus on customer satisfaction. It's a company that values its employees, and it's committed to providing a positive work environment. But there are those who believe that Wal-Mart's success is built on the backs of its workers, and the company's treatment of its employees is unacceptable.

Sticking to his guns

I find it difficult to criticize a man who has been criticized. Unfortunately, Wal-Mart's critics are rarely based on the merits of the company's actions.

I don't disagree that John Paul John Paul John Paul's criticism is justified. I think that the media has been unfair in its coverage of Wal-Mart, and I don't believe that the company is as bad as some of its critics have portrayed it. But I do believe that Wal-Mart needs to do more to address the concerns that have been raised.

Wal-Mart's critics often point to the company's controversial advertising practices, which some believe are designed to manipulate consumers. Wal-Mart is also criticized for its treatment of employees, including its policies on wages and benefits. Additionally, there have been concerns about the company's role in the global economy, particularly its impact on small businesses and local economies.

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One-man-band Jenny Lefftz creates a dream-like atmosphere with his music, incorporating elements of the modern world with surreal, psychedelic sounds.

LaVille, who writes all of his own music, will be joined onstage by four other musicians. Drew Andrews will play keyboards, guitar, and bass. Timothy Poates will handle the drums. Matthew Rossisc will play the viola, and Andrew Pula will be in charge of live visualizations, which will be projected on a screen in front of the audience.

"LaVille's music is a perfect blend of reality and fantasy," Poates said. "He creates a world where the audience can immerse themselves in his music and feel like they're in a dream-like state."

The group has been described as a "dream pop" band, combining elements of rock, folk, and electronic music to create a unique and mesmerizing sound.

The Album Leaf is known for their experimental approach to music, often incorporating found objects and unconventional instruments into their performances.

LaVille, who has been described as a "visionary composer," says his goal is to "create a world where the audience can feel like they're in a dream-like state." He often incorporates elements of surrealism and fantasy into his music, creating a unique and immersive experience for his listeners.

"The Album Leaf is a band that truly understands the power of music to transport us to another place," Poates said. "Their music is a perfect blend of reality and fantasy, and it's incredible to see them perform live."
quote of the day

"Now we not only have to look out for aliens and drug smugglers, we have to look out for these untrained civilians who are unfamiliar with the landscape."

— Barter Pastor quoted in an article about Border Volunteers.
Hawks hail from warm weather

From the UI track coach's bountiful of Jamaica, sprinter phenom KINAXE AXERON starts her collegiate career

BY KRISTY POOLER

The tenacious, blue-eyed, and unflappable track team has taken full advantage of the outdoor weather.

Hawks have been on the road this season, frequently used by the Hawks to find elite athletes. Using his natural status, Gray has become a recruiting mothership. He has signed with the Hawks, which is a very solid Friday-night victory.

He also has a very solid tradition of producing good athletes.

Growing up in the Caribbean, the Hawks have given Gray an advantage on the track. In the years that followed, he decided to stay with the Hawks. He also used to feel like he wanted to play for the University of Illinois.

"I don't love staying in bed," he said. "I just run through a track meet or two."

It's that type of focus and intensity that has helped the Hawks to become a valuable asset to the Iowa State athletic department. When he first visited Indiana, he said, "Hey, just run through a track meet or two."

He's not the only person who has enjoyed running for the Hawks. He also said, "Hey, just run through a track meet or two."

And in 2001, he entered high school, nobody from Division I schools even recruited him.
Was Monday's men's NCAA baseball game in best recent history?

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Poll: Two-thirds say steroid users should be barred from Hall of Fame

BY WILL LESTER

WASHINGTON — Two-thirds of Americans say baseball players found guilty of using steroids should be barred from baseball's Hall of Fame, according to a USA Today/Gallup poll released Tuesday.

The poll, which surveyed 800 people, found that 66 percent of those surveyed said they thought steroid users should be barred from the Hall of Fame. The poll was conducted before the baseball season began and before Major League Baseball and the players union announced a new deal that bars steroid users from the Hall of Fame.

Walter Johnson, a pitcher for the Washington Senators, was the only player who has been inducted into the Hall of Fame despite being implicated in steroid use. Johnson was implicated in steroid use by his son, the late Jimmie Lee, who was the Washington Nationals' vice president of baseball operations. Johnson was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1966.

The poll also found that 83 percent of those surveyed said they thought steroid use in baseball had hurt the sport's image. The poll was conducted from March 28 to April 12, and the results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Selig tots effectiveness of new drug policy

NEW YORK — Commissioner Bud Selig said on Tuesday that the suspension of Alex Rodriguez for 211 games over alleged steroid use has been a win-win for the league, but added that if the players union challenges the suspension, it could mean another round of litigation.

"We did what we said we were going to do," Selig told a news conference. "The record is public. The fact is there was reason to believe fixing the issue is working."

Selig said the baseball season has already been delayed two weeks. But he said he's not worried about it seeing light. "It's going to be 800 to 1000 games," Selig said. "I don't know why the players make the decision to use those drugs or not."

Selig said the new drug policy, which was implemented in 2005, has reduced the number of positive tests by 80 percent. He said the new policy has also helped to reduce the number of players who test positive for steroids.

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Under the new agreement, which sup- putes the policy implemented during MLB's collective bargaining, a first-time positive test would result in a penalty of 60 days, a second time in 80 days, a third time in 162 games, and a fourth time in a lifetime ban.

Under the previous agreement, a first-time positive test resulted in a 10-day suspension. A second positive test resulted in a 30-day suspension. A third positive test resulted in a 60-day suspension, and a fourth positive test resulted in a lifetime ban.

Selig contrasted the new policy with the previous policy, which he said was "a total failure." He said the new policy has been "a huge success," and that it has reduced the number of positive tests by 80 percent.

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couple of races that she ran, because she had never competed
as late as March 23 and reached the first time with one plus team
basketball. But guard Kristin Roach and Lindsay Brown had to do it almost by
themselves in this one and that was asking too much.

Brown scored 20 points and Harvey 17, but Roach guided Michigan State’s two-point
victory. She scored only six points, but Liz Skilton had adjusted well.

Roach and Alexander have
adjusted well to Iowa, Grant said.

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